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October 2020

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## Principal's Message

It was great to see the smiling faces (even if they were covered with masks) return to school in September. The energy is electrifying, and although it may have taken a little time to get the rust off, the students were eager to get back to school routines. We're pleased to announce that Wabamun School's enrolment continues to grow and this year we have 115 students! Everyone is to be congratulated for this growth as it is a reflection of the efforts of students, school staff, parents and the community of Wabamun. Go Wild Go!

Below are some highlights and things to look forward to:

<u>Basketball Court</u> — A second basketball court has been poured and we are hopeful that the backboards will be installed this fall



AJA Louden – AJA Louden was out to complete the spray painting of the backboards for our new basketball court. He also took the time to spray paint several student skateboards.



School Improvements – Over the last several months there has been lots of work being done in the school, including: installation of a second water bottle filling station, a new phone system throughout the school, all new lighting throughout the school, renovations to Mr. Pon's room, painting in Mrs. Stankov's and Mr. Johnson's room, the front entrance ramp was redone, a display cabinet was installed outside the library, and so much more! I can't wait to tour you through the building in the future.

Should you ever have any questions, comments or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me. I also encourage you to sign up for my Remind by texting @wabam to 647-931-6158, to receive text updates of information.

Les Worthington, Principal Wabamun School, The PRIDE of the Community

#### **Welcome to New Staff**

Please join us in welcoming our new Kindergarten and Grade 1 teacher, Mrs. Jenna Kerr-Arntson and our new Education Assistant in the Grade 2 and 3 room, Mrs. Brenda Proulx, to Wabamun School. We are excited to complete the staffing at Wabamun School and are looking forward to the many new and exciting happenings and memories being made this year.

# Oct 28 & Nov 5 Parent/Student -Teacher Conferences

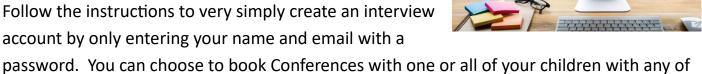
Conferences will be done virtually this year and will be booked online through our School

Website. Conferences will take place on Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:00.

To book a conference click **HERE** or go to the Wabamun School website and under the *For Parents* header you will find the Parent Teacher Interviews page.

Follow the instructions to very simply create an interview account by only entering your name and email with a

their teachers.



VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

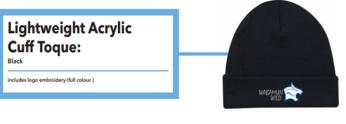
Interviews may also be booked by calling the school and speaking with Mrs. Harris who will book online on your behalf. 780-892-2271



# **Wabamun Wild Apparel**

An order form for Wabamun Wild apparel will be coming home next week. In addition to hoodies, you can also order t-shirts, sweat pants, hats and toques! A variety of Youth and Adult sizes will be available.

**Special Announcement: To promote school** spirit, Wabamun School Fundraising Association will be purchasing a Wabamun Wild toque for every student!!!



#### **School Council & WSFA**

Another year of School Council has begun. To get involved with School Council or Wabamun School Fundraising Association please

email wabamunschoolcouncil@gmail.com

#### The 2020-21 Executive is as follows:

**School Council:** 

Chair: Sherri Lynn Meaney

Vice-Chair: Brie-Anne Gruenheidt

Secretary: Nicole Trechka

#### **Wabamun School Fundraising Committee:**

Chair: Sarah Nipshank

Vice-Chair: Brie-Anne Gruenheidt Treasurer: Sherri Lynn Meaney

Secretary: Kaylee Duiker

This year we will be looking at ways to safely raise money. If you have any ideas, please send an email along. We will add it to the agenda and discuss it at the next meeting on October 20th. We hope to see some more new faces as the year progresses!



Classroom Halloween activities will be held during the afternoon on October 30th. Parents of children in Kindergarten - grade 3 who wish to assist their children with putting on their costumes will need to do it outside during lunch recess at 11:45am. Students will come into the school at 12:12pm and head to their classrooms for lunch. Please assist us by making sure costumes are appropriate for school. Please do not send toy weapons such as guns, swords, knives etc and please be considerate of the younger students and refrain from scary costumes.

Dues to Covid-19 protocols, parents will NOT be able to send in treats to be handed out to other students at this time.

### From the Health Nurse - Immunizations

Children who are eligible for immunizations may be immunized in the school setting with parental consent. Please check your child's school bag for a package which contains information about the vaccines, along with a consent form for each vaccine. In order for your child to be immunized, each consent form must be signed and returned to your child's school by the date indicated on the envelope.

For tips on preparing your child for immunizations, please refer to <a href="https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/info/hp/cdc/if-hp-cdc-ipsm-tips-make-imm-easier-child.pdf">https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/info/hp/cdc/if-hp-cdc-ipsm-tips-make-imm-easier-child.pdf</a>

Consents being sent home the week of: Sept 30<sup>th</sup>,2020 The immunization round dates at Wabamun School are as follows:

Round 1: Oct. 28th,2020 Round 2: Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> 2021 Round 3: Apr.28th,2021

\*If your child is not present on the round dates they may receive immunizations on other dates throughout the school year.

# **Playschool Start-up**

Playschool will run Tuesday & Thursday mornings. Parents interested in registering

their 3 & 4 year olds for 2020/21 are to contact Vanessa Roberts at 780 -803-2778 for more information.



Fees can be paid online by credit card through the PowerSchool Parent Portal at https:// www.psd70.ab.ca/PowerSchool.php or in the school office by cash or cheque made payable to Parkland School Division #70 (PSD#70). For fee waiver forms or to discuss payment plan options, please contact the office.



Although Volunteers are not permitted in the school at this time, we look forward to connecting with parents for School Council Google Meets and will be excited for when you can return to being back in our building!

# **Wabamun School Logo Clothing**

Order Forms will be sent home this week for families to order Wabamun School clothing. This year we have added new items such as sweat pants, t-shirts, mugs and toques. Various Youth and Adult sizes are available.



## **Terry Fox Run 2020**



Thank you to everyone who collected donations on behalf of the Terry Fox Foundation for cancer research. This year was very different with students

participating onsite in their cohort groups as well as donations being collected online.



Thank you for adapting and adjusting to these changes during this time.

Congratulations to Joeline Zur for collecting \$410.00 in donations. She was awarded a Terry Fox tshirt.

# October 14 Student School Photos

This year contactless Individual school pictures will be taken on October 14th starting at 8:30am.

#### Attendance

Student Attendance is crucial to success in school. Students must attend classes on time and regularly to achieve their highest potential. Students arriving to class after the bell will be considered late. Late students must enter through the front doors and ring the buzzer for entry. The safety of our students is always first and foremost when planning and setting operational procedures within the school. Students leaving the school, during regular school hours, other than students going home for lunch, may do so only when picked up by a parent, guardian or contact persons provided to the school office. For their child's safety, Parents are asked to come to the school door and ring the buzzer to let the office know they have arrived.

#### **Fire Drill Practice**

Fire Prevention week is Oct. 4-10 this year, and Wabamun Fire Department may be



visiting our school as part of our emergency evacuation preparedness. Please take a moment and talk to your children about these drills.

#### Lunch Time—Offsite Permission

Our lunch break is from 11:42am to 12:32pm. There is lunch recess supervision for students during lunch recess (11:42am-12:12pm). Students are to eat in home rooms supervised by their homeroom teachers during eating times 12:12 to 12:32pm. To ensure the safety of all Wabamun School students, the students must remain at the school at all times unless they have parental permission to go to their home for lunch. This will ensure our students may be accounted for during lunch time in the event of an emergency. Students who receive permission to go home for lunch are under the responsibility of their

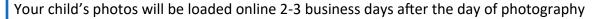
parents during this time.
Thank you for assisting us

in keeping your children safe at school.



# Smart Photography individual student photos October 14<sup>th</sup>.

On the day your child is photographed, they will receive an information sheet with their online access code



Log in to smartorders.ca\_to view your proofs and place an order

Place your order before the ship-to-school deadline to have your order sent to the school at no cost

After the ship-to-school deadline, you can still access your photos and place an order to be shipped directly to your home!



# **Contact Wabamun Teachers**

Here is a list of Teacher contacts. We encourage parents with cell phones to join classroom and school Text Remind to receive text messages regarding your child's classroom assignments, homework and happenings.

Les Worthington - Principal  Email: <a href="mailto:LWorthington@psd70.ab.ca">LWorthington@psd70.ab.ca</a>	Wabamun School Text Updates Message @wabam to 647-931-6158		
Kindergarten/Gr. 1—Jenna Kerr-Arntson Email: jenna.kerr@psd70.ab.ca	ClassDojo - Email Mrs. Kerr-Arntson for invitation to join class		
Grade 2/3 - Doug Kucher Email: dkucher@psd70.ab.ca	Message @wabamun to 587-409-2927		
Grade 4/5 Kendalin Fetter Email: kfetter@psd70.ab.ca	Text @wabamun4-5 to 289-212-0877		
Grade 5/6 - Kristal Saunders Email: ksaunders@psd70.ab.ca	Text @56saunders to 306-992-7072.		
Grade 7-9 Math and Science  Brian Pon Email: BPon@psd70.ab.ca	Text the following codes to 289-401-0061 Sci 7: @ponsci7 Sci 8/9: @sci8and9 Math 7: @ponmath7 Math 8/9: @ponmath89		
Gr 7-9 Social Studies/Language Arts Email: Jill Stankov - jstankov@psd70.ab.ca Keith Johnson - knjohnson@psd70.ab.ca	Text the following codes to 819-801-2231 Gr 7 - Message @sjwab7 Gr 8/9 - Message @sjwab89		

# **PRIDE**



Perseverance Resilience **I**ntegrity **D**etermination **E**mpathy

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
					Kindergarten Friday	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
					Staff Development Day NO SCHOOL	
11	Thanksgiving Holiday	13	14	15	16	17
	No School		Photo Day		Kindergarten Friday	
18	19	School Council Google Meet 11:00am Fundraising Meet to follow	21	22	23	24
25	26	Virtual Coffee with the Principal via Google Meet 9:00am	<b>28</b> Parent/student  - Teacher  Virtual  Conferences  4-7pm	29	Classroom Halloween Parties 1:00pm  Kindergarten Friday	31 Stranger